

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on January 20, 2012, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Paula Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:
District IV representative Paula Johnson- Board Chair
District III representative Leisa Askew - Vice-Chair
District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary
District I representative Sharon Argiro
District II representative Jenny Story
District V representative Esophia Clayborn
District VII representative James Ware

Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board, arrived at 10:57 a.m. and was present until 1:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the December 21, 2011 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Leisa Askew made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, James Ware, Sharon Argiro and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: None. Abstaining from the vote: Esophia Clayborn.

The Board welcomed new Executive Director Rebecca Goodson.

Old Board Business:

- a. Rebecca Goodson updated the Board on the status of complaints. Two (2) complaints are waiting for more documentation, one (1) complaint is pending rescheduling of the hearing, one (1) complaint is pending a possible agreement, one (1) complaint is pending appeal, one (1) initial notification of complaint letter was recently mailed, and three (3) complaints were on unlicensed individuals thus out of the Board's

jurisdiction.

- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees. James Ware made a motion to accept the list of new social work licensees. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed proposed language for LCSW Diagnosis legislation. Sharon Argiro updated the Board on her conversation regarding the language with Dr. Jennifer Savage of Jacksonville State University Social Work Program.

New Board Business:

- a. The Board will have a booth at the Alabama Conference of Social Work in February 2012.

PIP Applications:

- a. Ecclesiastes Allen -
Approved: Social Casework, Social Work Administration
Denied: None
- b. Carolyn Dobson -
Approved: Social Casework, Social Work Administration
Denied: Clinical Social Work, Community Organization
- c. Amy Marie Kenney -
Approved: Clinical Social Work
Denied: Social Casework
- d. Kimberly Dianne Phillips -
Approved: Social Service Casework, Clinical Social Work, Social Work Administration
Denied: Social Work Research, Community Organization
- e. Paula Downie -
Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work
Denied: Social Work Administration, Community Organization
- f. Thelma Rowden -
Approved: Social Casework, Community Organization
Denied: Social Work Research, Social Work Administration, Clinical Social Work
- g. Melinda M. Lewis -
Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work
Denied: Community Organization
- h. Emily Hutto -
Approved: Social Casework, Clinical Social Work
Denied: Social Work Administration

PIP Applications - Requesting Reconsideration:

- a. Sarah C. Bowers -
Approved: None
Denied: Social Casework
- b. Brian J. Maloney - On agenda in error
- c. Tina P. Stevenson -
Approved: Social Service Casework
Denied: Community Organization, Social Work Administration, Clinical Social Work

Other Requests:

- a. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Michele Basie Allen for reciprocity of her LCSW. James Ware made a motion to grant Ms. Allen reciprocity. Mandy Andrews seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: None. Abstaining from the vote: Sharon Argiro.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed the settlement agreement between the Board and Joan M. Freed. Sharon Argiro made a motion to accept the settlement agreement. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed INR's request for CE. Esophia Clayborn made a motion that the CE request be denied. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: Sharon Argiro.
- d. The Board reviewed and discussed a request for CE waiver from Leigh Shannon James. Jenny Story made a motion to deny the CE waiver. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: Sharon Argiro. Leisa Askew made a motion to reconsider the previous motion. The motion died for a lack of second.
- e. The Board reviewed and discussed a request for waiver of supervision time requirement by Frances Gail Cooper. Leisa Askew made a motion to deny Ms. Cooper's request and accept supervision beginning January 2010. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Sharon Argiro made a motion to postpone vote on the previous motion indefinitely. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: None. Abstaining from the vote: Mandy Andrews and James Ware
- f. The Board reviewed and discussed Rex Sanderson's eligibility to sit for the LGSW Examination. Mr. Sanderson will be contacted with information.

- g. The Board reviewed and discussed questions from Jennifer DeLeon regarding the annual publishing of licensed social workers' names and addresses. Rebecca Goodson will respond to Ms. DeLeon's questions.
- h. The Board reviewed and discussed questions regarding medication reconciliation from Maury West. Rebecca Goodson will respond referring Mr. West to NASW for information.
- i. The Board reviewed, discussed, and denied Delores Calhoun's request for a renewal fee waiver.
- j. The Board reviewed and discussed a supervision waiver request from Grace Stovall. Sharon Argiro made a motion to approve Ms. Stovall's prior supervision to count toward her current license. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- k. The Board reviewed Cheryl Thomas' request for licensure renewal. The issue was tabled with a request for more information.
- l. The Board reviewed, discussed and approved Sister Francis Sheridan's request for a waiver of the new portion of the renewal fee.
- m. The Board reviewed and discussed Susan Banks' request regarding a per diem social work position. It was determined that this issue was outside the Board's purview.
- n. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Kristina Anderson to reinstate her cancelled license. Leisa Askew made a motion to give Ms. Anderson thirty (30) days to provide documentation of 30 hours of CE and proper documentation of CE used to renew on-line. Once verified, the request will be approved. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn and Jenny Story. Opposing the motion: Mandy Andrews.

At 11:36 a.m., Paula Johnson made a motion for a ten (10) minute recess. Jenny Story seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting came back into session at 11:48 a.m.

James Ware left the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Paula Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Paula Johnson

Mandy Andrews